

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending in the present application. By this Response, claims 1, 3, 5, and 6 are cancelled, claims 2, 4, and 7 are amended, and claims 8-22 are added.

35 U.S.C. § 102(b), Anticipation, Claims 1-7

Claims 1-7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Roberts et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,295,551). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is noted that the claims have been amended to add the following language, or very similar language, to all claims,

wherein said client controller contains (1) a Java applet which detects a change in content information displayed by the first terminal, (2) a script, called by said Java applet, which acquires changed page information including a URL of a first page including the changed content information, a URL of a parent page of said first page, the number of child pages of said parent page, and a position of said first page relative to said parent page, and (3) a tree manager that transmits said changed page information to said collaboration server, wherein the ability to provide collaboration does not depend on a proprietary interface running on said first information terminal or on said second information terminal

These amendments are intended to highlight the fact that the instant application is able to handle frames as part of the web content. In contrast, Roberts is not especially directed managing content containing frames, noting that at the time the patent was written,

"web pages are more commonly displayed as one page in a browser and not as frames so that each page can be individually book marked and printed as users are accustomed to."¹

A signed Declaration under Rule 132 is enclosed. This Declaration is signed by one of the inventors of this application and attests to capabilities that existed or did not exist at the time of the invention. The declaration states that the language of the amended claims provides distinctions over Roberts and further that these distinctions allow frames to be managed using Java applets and without the use of a proprietary interface.

In view of the amendments and the testimony of one of the inventors, Applicants respectfully submit that Roberts does not teach the features of the claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of the claims.

¹ Roberts et al. column 17, lines 53-57

Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over Roberts and is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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